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Name of Creator(s): Chi Omega Phi professional chiropractic fraternity, Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Northwestern Health Sciences University

Administrative History
From the Upper Midwest Midwinter Educational Congress program dated January 26 & 27, 1957 (all capitalization and punctuation original):

Chi Omega Phi is a professional fraternity founded at the Minnesota College of Chiropractic (now the Northwestern College of Chiropractic), in the year of 1936. The Fraternity is devoted to the promotion of and assistance in general education and scientific research in the Chiropractic field and to foster the ethical practice of Chiropractic.

Chi Omega Phi appears to have existed through 1997, as evidenced by the fraternity’s inclusion in the student organization section of Northwestern College of Chiropractic yearbooks.

Northwestern College of Chiropractic was founded in 1941 in Minneapolis, MN, by John B. Wolfe, Sr., D.C., to teach the principles, philosophy, and practice of chiropractic. The school has been located at 608 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1941-1948; 2222 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1949-1973; 1834 Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul, in 1974-1984; and 2501 West 84th Street, Bloomington, from 1985-present. Graduates receive a doctorate of chiropractic (D.C.) degree, and may also earn a bachelor’s degree in human biology.

In 1999, NWCC merged with the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies (MIAHS; founded in 1990 by Edith Davis, Lac, DiplAc), to form Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU), located in Bloomington, MN. MIAHS then became the Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MCAOM) within NWHSU, teaching acupuncture, Oriental medicine principles and practices, and Chinese herbal medicine. Graduates receive a master’s degree in acupuncture (M.Ac.), a master’s degree in Oriental medicine (M.Om.), or a graduate-level certificate in herbal medicine. MCAOM students may also earn a bachelor’s degree in human biology.

The School of Massage Therapy was founded at NWHSU in 2000, teaching relaxation and clinical therapeutic massage. Graduates receive an undergraduate-level certificate in relaxation massage or therapeutic massage, or an associate of applied science degree (A.A.S.) in massage therapy.
The College of Undergraduate Health Sciences was established at NWHSU in 2011, teaching classes for a bachelor of science (B.S.) in human biology completion program, as well as for post-baccalaureate pre-health/pre-medicine students beginning in 2013. The three non-chiropractic colleges and schools were re-organized into the College of Health and Wellness in 2015, which also began offering a program in Applied Clinical Nutrition that year. Graduates from this program receive one or both graduate-level certificates in Nutrition Intervention in Health and Disease or in Health, Wellness, and Human Performance, or a master of health science degree (M.H.S.) in applied clinical nutrition.

According to NWHSU’s University Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

NWHSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The NCA was founded in 1895 as a membership organization for educational institutions. The association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Through its commissions, it accredits and grants membership to educational institutions in the 19-state North Central region. The Higher Learning Commission is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1988, and was renewed in 1993, 2001, and 2010.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education has authorized us to award degrees in Minnesota, for the academic programs offered.

The Minnesota State Approving Agency for Veterans Education approves Northwestern Health Sciences University for veterans education benefits.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is a not-for-profit corporation under articles and bylaws registered with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The university is qualified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with the Internal Revenue Services of the United States Department of Treasury. 501(c)(3) status is reserved for organizations operating for educational, religious or charitable purposes.

According to the College of Chiropractic Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Doctor of Chiropractic program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). The Council on Chiropractic Education is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as the official accrediting body for chiropractic education. Northwestern has been a member of CCE since the Commission’s inception in 1965. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1971, and renewed in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1991, 1998, 2005 and 2014. The next regularly scheduled comprehensive evaluation site visit is scheduled for Spring 2022.

According to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Master of Acupuncture and Master of Oriental Medicine programs offered by the University are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), which is the accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the approval of programs preparing acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners. Program accreditation was extended in 2005 and 2010.
According to the Applied Clinical Nutrition Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The University is approved by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) to offer the Master of Health Science (MHS) degree and certificate programs in Applied Clinical Nutrition. The NCA is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and professional degrees.

According to the Massage Therapy Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

Massage Therapy Certificate Program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA), which is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and academic Associate degrees in the practice of massage therapy and bodywork. Program accreditation was extended in 2014. The next program evaluation is scheduled for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The AAS [Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy] degree program is included in the University’s [HLC] accreditation.

According to the Undergraduate Health Sciences Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Bachelor of Science in Human Biology degree completion program is recognized as an accredited degree program by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

NWHSU is governed by a Board of Trustees, made up of representatives from the academic, professional, and business communities. The university’s senior leader is the president, Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H. Information on past presidents can be found in the finding aid for NWHSU Archives Collection #13 – NWHSU Presidents.

Scope and Content
Includes material for events by Chi Omega Phi professional chiropractic fraternity, Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Northwestern Health Sciences University, and NWHSU School of Massage Therapy. Events include the Upper Midwest Midwinter Educational Congress, NWCC and NWHSU College of Chiropractic Homecoming and Winter Gathering, NWCC Presidential Inauguration, MCAOM Great River Symposium and Spring Gathering, Founder’s Day Celebration, Stars Among Us Gala, President’s (Cadillac) Invitational Golf Tournament, Dr. John B. Wolfe Alumni Golf Tournament, South Dakota Higher Aim Hunt, Edith Davis Seminar Series, Spring Job Fair, Hunt & Shoot, Massage Therapy Winter Symposium, and Career Fair. Some items are undated and have been placed in approximate chronological location.

Based on the included materials, it appears that NWCC’s annual chiropractic Homecoming and Winter Gathering, which offers continuing education opportunities in addition to alumni celebrations and reunions, began with Chi Omega Phi’s annual Upper Midwest Midwinter Educational Congress. The 8th annual Congress took place in 1962, according to the program from that year.

Also included in this collection are internal publications, such as alumni survey reports; external publications, such as alumni directories; committee papers; materials related to Dr. J. Lamoine and Klara De Rusha, including information on their donations to the university and extensive materials on the life of Klara De Rusha (1906-2000); and six 3.5” diskettes.
All materials were transferred from the Office of Alumni and Development. Most materials are originals.

**Conditions Governing Access:** Some materials may be subject to access restrictions; such materials are denoted in this finding aid. Contact the archives for further information.

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**Custodial History:** unknown

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**Accruals:** Materials may be added, depending on Office retention.

**Existence and Location of Copies:** unknown

**Related Archival Materials:** Collection 20 – NWHSU Collection of Professional Convention Programs, Collection 22 – NWHSU Office of Institutional Effectiveness Collection

**Publication Note:** none known

**Notes:** Printed materials have been preservation processed (flattened, staples removed) as appropriate and blank sheets of paper inserted to separate documents as needed. Items within each series are arranged chronologically when date is known, with oldest item first, unless noted otherwise.

**System of Arrangement**

**Box 1**

*Series 1: Programs and Associated Paper Materials, 1957-2015*

Includes convention, course, and other event programs, invitations, registration forms, and advertisements; alumni newsletters; announcements; annual report booklets; correspondence; strategic plan brochures; white coat ceremony program; continuing education catalogs and brochures; etc. The majority of the materials in this series were originally housed together in a three-ring binder; loose items were added to this series based on their similarity to existing
materials in the series. One item is oversized (Synapse newsletter, vol. 4, no. 2, October 1994) and is housed in Oversized Materials Box 1 in the Main Archives.

*Folder 1:* Programs and Paper Materials, 1957-2005

*Folder 2:* Programs and Paper Materials, 2006-2011


**Series 2:** Committee Papers, 1990s-2010

NOTE: Access to these papers may be limited. Contact the archives for access details.

*Folder 1:* Communications Committee, 1990s
Written on front of folder: Dr. Fernholz, Dr. Finer, Dr. Amdahl, Dr. Lieberman, Dr. Johnson, Ms. Smith

*Folder 2:* Development Committee (Case Statement), 2005-2006
Materials are roughly in reverse chronological order.

*Folder 3:* Capital Campaign Committee, 2010

**Series 3:** Donor Materials, 1982-2008

NOTE: Access to these papers is limited. Contact the archives for access details.


*Folder 2:* Other Donors, 2008

**Series 4:** Internal and External Publications, 1997?-2014

*Folder 1:* Memories: A Collection from Northwestern’s Past, 1997?

*Folder 2:* Northwestern College of Chiropractic 2000-2002 Alumni Directory

**Box 2**

*Folder 3:* 5th Annual Chiropractic College Alumni Survey 2009 [CD only]

*Folder 4:* 6th Annual Chiropractic College Alumni Survey 2010

*Folder 5:* 7th Annual Chiropractic College Alumni Survey 2011

*Folder 6:* 2012 Multi-College AOM Alumni Survey [includes CD]

*Folder 7:* 8th Annual Multi-College Chiropractic Alumni Survey 2012 [includes CD]

*Folder 8:* 9th Annual Multi-College Chiropractic Alumni Survey 2013 [includes CD]

*Folder 9:* 10th Annual Multi-College Chiropractic Alumni Survey 2014 [includes CD]
Folder 10: The School of Massage Therapy 2014 Massage Therapy Winter Symposium Agenda and Seminar Notes

Series 5: Miscellaneous, 1997-2016, undated

Folder 1: Nurse Practitioner Controversy, 2010

Folder 2: University of Quebec at Three Rivers Catalog, 1997-1998
Includes program for doctorate in chiropractic
N.B.: Catalog is in French only

Folder 3: National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Practice Analysis of Chiropractic, 2010

Folder 4: Miscellaneous Items, 2005-2006, 2016, undated
Includes two photocopies of the Northwestern College of Chiropractic Hymn, photocopies of donors from 2004-2005 Annual Report, and more

Folder 5: 3.5” Diskettes, undated
Contents unknown

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- Collection materials
- NWCC / NWHSU yearbooks, available in the library

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